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2 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

3 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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5 ANIMAL LEGAL DEFENSE FUND, et al.,

No. C-14-01171(EDL)

6 Plaintiffs,

7 v.  
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9 ORDER RE: ATTENDANCE AT  
MEDIATION

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11 THE GREAT BULL RUN, LLC, et al.,

12 Defendants.  
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14 The Court received a letter, dated September 8, 2014, from Defendant Lone Star Rodeo, LLC  
15 requesting the Court to reconsider its September 5, 2014 order denying Defendant's request for its  
16 client representative to be excused from appearing in person at the mediation scheduled for  
17 September 16, 2014. Plaintiff sent a letter on September 10, 2014, opposing the request and pointing  
18 out that the mediator obtained Defendant's consent to that date in advance, so Defendant created the  
19 scheduling conflict. Further, if allowed, Defendant's meetings would interfere with Defendant's  
20 proposed participation by telephone. The Court finds that attendance at the mediation by  
21 Defendant's client representative is necessary for a productive mediation session. Consequently,  
22 Defendant's request is DENIED. However, given Defendant's concerns, the parties may ask the  
23 mediator whether he is amenable to rescheduling and, if necessary, consider asking Judge James for  
24 a continuance of the ADR deadline.

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26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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28 Dated: September 10, 2014

*Elizabeth D. Laporte*  
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ELIZABETH D. LAPORTE  
United States Chief Magistrate Judge